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SUBJECT: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

(JAMES A. PAQUA)

REF: A) STATE 224398; B) STATE 227461; C) HERMOSILLO 280

1. THREE ISSUES RAISED IN REVIEW NEED FURTHER CONSIDERATION, SEE PARS. 3 AND 6, REFTEL C.
2. PROLONGED TRIAL DETENTION: POST REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN REASON FOR TRIAL DETENTION OF 20 MONTHS. INVESTIGATION OF COURT RECORD SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER INACTIVE ATTORNEY OR HEAVY COURT SCHEDULE AT FAULT, AND PAQUA MAY BE CONSULTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OWN DEFENSE TACTIC POSSIBLY INVOLVED.
3. CONSULAR ACCESS: POST IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM PAQUA WHETHER HE DID REQUEST CONTACT WITH CONSULAR OFFICER AT TIME OF ARREST. EVEN IF HE DID NOT, THE ALMOST TWO WEEK INTERVAL BETWEEN DATE OF ARREST AND FIRST RECORDED CONOFF CONTACT IS AN EXCESSIVE ONE, PARTICULARLY AS THE ARREST WAS REPORTED IN THE NEWSPAPER THE DAY AFTER IT TOOK PLACE.

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4. CONSULAR VISITATIONS: DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THAT ANY SHORTCOMINGS CAUSED BY PAST POLICY OF CONOFF AVAILABILITY TO PRISONER ONLY WHEN SOLICITED - WITH RESULTING PAUCITY OF RECORDS AND FOLLOW UP - DOES NOT REFLECT ON DILIGENCE OF C CURRENT PERSONNEL. POST, HOWEVER, IS REQUESTED TO REVISE ITS APPROACH TOWARD VISITATION AND PROTECTION FOR IMPRISONED AMERICAN CITIZENS IN LIGHT OF INCREASED AWARENESS THAT MORE EXTENSIVE AND THOROUGH SERVICE IS REQUIRED, WHILE AT SAME TIME STILL PRESERVING PRISONERS' RIGHT TO PRIVACY. KISSINGER

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